

**Staff Meeting - June 28 at 10:00 a.m. Consolidating Notes/Synopsis of the list submitted by Councilmember Montano on 5/21/19 & 5/24/19**

Housing Subcommittee

The purpose of the housing subcommittee is to find alternative solutions to address the high cost of rent of our Milpitas families who are facing economic hardship. The committee is to find alternative methods to alleviate rent relief.

Ideas to find ways to alleviate economic hardship on families:

1. Create an emergency rental assistance fund under the auspices of the HA. Staff is looking into creating HA bylaws. Additional funds to be sourced from corporate, state or federally funded grant opportunities.
2. Find outside resources for rent relief programs such as Catholic Charities and Faith based organizations to assist families who face economic hardship
3. Staff to develop a rent mediation program such as the city of Fremont. Project Sentinel will be contracted to manage the program and to accumulate rental statistics. Project Sentinel will continue to assist renters as needed.
4. Collaborate with developers and create a waiting list/registry for families to move into current and future affordable housing, Sango Project or other affordable city led units
5. Continue to monitor current developments to provide affordable units
6. Find abandoned/neglected land for possible purchase with HA funds, Councilmember Nunez brought up Bonds as another possible funding source for the HA.
7. Continue working with the County on possible affordable housing redevelopment opportunities at Sunnyhills.
8. Provide a County resource list to connect residents with necessary services
9. Create public utility (water) subsidy program to qualifying families
10. Recreation and Community Services will hire a Program Coordinator to assist and execute the following Housing Subcommittee's programs and initiatives
  - a. Provide a preference for services to low income families, such as summer jobs to low income HS students, VTA or Eco passes, referral to the food pantry/gift cards, working with the school district to provide educational and counseling services, and connecting residents with local area family resources centers
  - b. Provide childcare and afterschool program subsidies to qualifying families with children